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Scope and Contents

The Physique Collection includes assorted publications that document changes in the codes, standards, and aesthetics of the male body.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged alphabetically by title.

Collection Contents

Inventory, 1953-1997

b.1	<i>Aces</i> , nos. 1-2 English	undated
b.1	<i>Adonis</i> , vol. 1, no. 6 English	1955 October
	<i>Advocate MEN</i>	
b.1	Vol. 1, nos. 1, 6; vol. 2, nos. 5, 11 [S/M]	1984-1986
b.1	No number [4 issues]	1989-1992
b.1	<i>Men of Advocate MEN</i> , vol. 1, no 10; fragment English	1985 October- Nov, undated
b.1	<i>L’Affaire</i> , nos. 7-8 English	undated
b.1	<i>The Al Parker Album</i>	1982
b.1	<i>All American Man</i> English	1989 October
b.1	<i>All-MAN</i> , no. 6 English	1988 October- November
b.1	<i>American Centermen</i> , no. 2 English	1984
	<i>Arena</i>	
b.1	No. 6	1979
b.1	<i>Men of Arena</i> , no. 1 English	1978 October- December
b.1	<i>Bear Magazine</i> and/or influences [early issues; fragments] English	undated
	<i>Big</i>	
b.1	Annuals, vols. 2-5	1963-1965
b.1	<i>The Big Boys</i> , 2 issues	1965 May, September
b.1	Monthly, vol. 3, no. 3; vol. 5	1964 Jul, 1966 May
b.1	Bill the Hun [letter to “patron” regarding brochure]	1987 December 19
b.1	<i>Black is Bigger</i> , vol. 1, no. 2 English	1975

b. 1	<i>Black Male</i> , no. 2 English	1969
b. 1	<i>Blu</i> , vol. 4, no. 1 English	undated
<i>Blueboy</i>		
b. 2	Vols. 8 [S/M], 11, 15, 20, 22, 28, 34, 40, 44, 50, 53, 61-62; vol. 10, no. 3	1976-1981, undated
b. 2	Fragments [from 8 issues]	1979-1980
b. 2	<i>America the Beautiful: The Official 1980 Blueboy Calendar</i> English	1980
b. 2	<i>Blueboy Introduces Roger</i> English	undated
b. 2	<i>Body</i> , vol. 8, no. 4 English	1979 October- November
b. 2	<i>Body Beautiful</i> , nos. 11, 15 English	1960 October, 1961 October
b. 2	<i>Bronc</i> , vol. 1, nos. 4, 8 English	1982 Mar, 1983 February
b. 2	<i>Brothers Should Do It</i> , vol. 1, no. 1 English	undated
b. 2	<i>Bruce of Los Angeles</i> English	1990
b. 2	<i>Butch</i> , no. 3 English	1966
b. 3	Can-Am Catalog and Video Reviews [gay wrestling videos]	undated
b. 3	Catalogues	undated
b. 3	<i>Cellblock</i> English	1979
b. 3	<i>Champ</i> , vol. 2, no. 3 English	undated
b. 3	"Chapter One" [writings-probably privately circulated] English	undated
b. 3	<i>Chico</i> , no. 1 English	undated
b. 3	<i>Clothesdick</i> , vol. 1, no. 6 English	1977
<i>Colt</i>		

Colt (continued)

b. 4	<i>Calendar Men</i> , issue 4 [S/M] English	1994
b. 4	Calendars [S/M]	1984, 1990, 1992, 1997
b. 4	Catalogs, nos. 2-4	1972-1973, undated
b. 4	<i>Colt Men</i> , nos. 1, 8, 12, 19, 21 English	1975-1989
b. 4	<i>Colt Studio Presents</i> , nos. 2-3 English	1980, 1982
	<i>Gallery</i>	
b. 4	Nos. 2-4, 16	1971, 1977, undated
b. 4	<i>The Best of Gallery</i> , 2 issues including no. 2	1974, undated
b. 4	<i>Dark Dudes</i> English	undated
b. 4	<i>David and his Friends</i> , vols. 1, 3 [including <i>David Goes Cowboy</i>] English	undated
b. 4	<i>The Dork</i>	undated
b. 4	<i>Drum: Sex in Perspective</i> , vol. 4, nos. 8, 10; vol. 5, nos. 1-2, 10-11 English	1964-1966
b. 4	<i>Dune</i> English	1978
b. 4	<i>Euros</i> , nos. 19, 31, 35, 41 English	1994-1997
b. 4	<i>Falconers</i> , no. 4 English	1982
b. 4	<i>Fizeek</i> , nos. 5, 21, 29 English	1960 Feb, 1963 Jun, 1964 October
b. 4	<i>Fizeek Art Quarterly</i> , no. 7 English	undated
b. 4	<i>For Women Only</i> , vol. 1, no. 2 English	1979 spring
b. 4	<i>Foxhunt 7</i> English	1988
b. 13	French, Jim, Men [calendar]	1994
b. 4	<i>Gay Affair</i> English	undated

b. 5	<i>Gay Studs Annual</i> English	undated
b. 5	<i>Golden Boys</i> , nos. 4-5, 9 English	1967-1968
b. 5	<i>Grecian Guild Studio Quarterly</i> , no. 8 English	undated
b. 5	<i>Hard? A Pictorial and Literary Study</i> English	undated
b. 5	<i>Hard and Able</i> , vol. 1, no. 1 [S/M] English	undated
b. 5	<i>Hard-on-Stage</i> , vol. 1, no. 1 [S/M] English	1984
b. 5	<i>Heat</i> , vol. 1, no. 4 English	1988 January
b. 5	Hechter, Conrad, calendar	1995
b. 5	<i>Hell's Angels</i> [S/M] English	undated
b. 5	<i>Hermes</i> , vol. 1, no. 1 English	undated
b. 5	<i>Hombre</i> , no. 1 English	undated
b. 5	<i>Honcho</i> [S/M], 13 issues including vol. 2, no. 15; vol. 4, nos. 14, 21; vol. 5, nos. 22, 24-25, 8-10; vol. 6, no. 3; vol. 7, no. 1; vol. 12, no. 1 English	1979-1989
b. 5	<i>How to Enlarge your Penis</i> English	1970
b. 5	<i>HUD</i> , vol. 4, no. 3 English	undated
b. 5	<i>Hung Studs!</i> , no. 1 English	undated
b. 5	<i>In Heat</i> , no. 8 English	1980
b. 5	<i>In Touch</i> [also known as <i>In Touch for Men</i>], nos. 28, 49, 57-58, 63-64, 73 English	1977-1982
	<i>Inches</i>	
b. 6	Vol. 1, nos. 2, 4, 6-8; vol. 2, nos. 2-5, 7, 9, 11-12; vol. 3, nos. 1, 3-7, 10-12; vol. 4, nos. 1, 3, 7, 9-10; vol. 5, nos. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10-11; vol. 6, no. 8	1985-1990
b. 6	<i>Men of Inches</i> , vol. 1, no. 1 English	1987

b. 6	Interracial illustrations [fragments from Stroke magazine]	undated
b. 6	<i>J. Brian Presents Male Pix</i> , no. 1 English	1969
b. 6	<i>Jacok in the Jungle</i> , nos. 1, 3 English	undated
b. 6	<i>Javelin</i> , no. 3 English	1977
b. 6	<i>Jean Paul</i> , no. 35 English	1988 September- November
b. 6	<i>John</i> English	undated
b. 6	<i>Johnny Harden and Friends</i> English	undated
b. 6	<i>Jr.</i> , no. 23 English	1967 November
b. 7	<i>Kake</i> , nos. 3 [2 versions], 5-6, 8, 10, 13, 22 English	undated
b. 7	<i>Lancer</i> [S/M] English	1979
b. 7	<i>The Leathermen</i> [S/M]	1978
b. 7	<i>Let There Be Love</i> , vol. 1 English	undated
b. 7	<i>Liquid Plumber</i> , no. 6 English	undated
b. 7	<i>Loft: Best Designs for 1985</i> English	undated
b. 7	<i>Lover Boy</i> English	undated
b. 7	<i>Mach Quarterly</i> , vol. 1, no. 1 English	undated
b. 7	<i>Male</i> , no. 5 English	1979 July
b. 7	<i>Male Classics Annual</i> , 2 issues English	1964-1965
b. 7	<i>The Male European Nudist</i> , no. 4	1966
b. 7	<i>The Male Figure</i> , vols. 14, 20, 33 [Bruce of Los Angeles]	undated
b. 7	<i>Male Nudist Physique</i> , no. 3 English	undated

b. 7	<i>Male Pictorial</i> , 2 issues English	1991 Apr, 1992 March
	<i>Mandate</i>	
b. 7	Vol. 4, no. 47; vol. 5, nos. 48, 50, 54-55; vol. 8, nos. 74, 78-79; vol. 9, no. 86; vol. 10, nos. 1, 4, 10, 12	1979-1985
b. 7	Fragments	1981 Jan, Oct, 1982 March
b. 7	Christmas 1979 centerfold [poster]	1979
b. 8	<i>Manifest</i> , vol. 5, no. 14 English	1983 July
b. 8	<i>MAN-ifique!</i> , no. 6 English	1957 December
b. 8	<i>Manpower!</i> [Colt Studios publication], nos. 1, 3 [S/M-2 versions], 4 [S/M], 6 [S/M], 8 English	1969-1975
b. 8	<i>MANual</i> , vol. 1, no. 3; nos. 22, 34, 52, 72 English	1959-1966
b. 8	<i>Mars</i> , no. 17 English	1966 January
b. 8	<i>Meat-Rack</i> , vol. 1, no. 1 English	undated
b. 13	<i>Meet West. Just one of THE BIG 100!</i> English	undated
b. 8	<i>Men of Locker</i> , no. 1 [S/M] English	1979 May-July
	<i>Mentor</i>	
b. 8	No. 2	1979 January- March
b. 8	Collector's edition	undated
b. 8	<i>Midnite Cowboys</i> English	1970
b. 8	<i>Mondo Taurus</i> , no. 1 English	undated
b. 8	"The Motorcyclist" [writings with accompanying illustrations-probably privately circulated] English	undated
b. 8	<i>Mr. Sun</i> , vol. 1, no. 5 [fragment] English	undated

b. 8	<i>Muscleboy</i> , vol. 1, no. 6 English	1964 April-May
b. 8	199? [calendar] English	undated
<i>Numbers</i>		
b. 8	12 issues including vols. 3, 49, 52, 54, 69, 70	1977-1984
b. 8	Annual, vol. 4, no. 4	1980 spring- summer
b. 9	199? [calendar] English	undated
b. 9	<i>Olympus</i> [Colt Studios publication], vol. 1, no. 1 English	1972
b. 9	<i>100 Numbers Presents Action Shots of the Hotline Series</i> , vol. 1, no. 4 English	undated
b. 9	<i>Paean</i> , no. 3 English	1979
b. 9	The Photographers' Guild, Catalog A	undated
b. 9	<i>Physical Man</i> , no. 3	1978
<i>Physique Pictorial</i>		
b. 9	Vol. 4, no. 1-vol. 6, no. 3; vol. 7, no. 1-vol. 14, no. 3; vol. 15, nos. 1-2, 4; vol. 16, nos. 1, 4; vol. 24-26, 36, 40	1954-1967
b. 9	<i>Physique: A Pictorial History of the Athletic Model Guild</i>	1982
b. 9	<i>Playgirl</i> , vol. 2, no. 6	1974 November
b. 9	<i>Playguy</i> , vol. 1, no. 6; vol. 4, nos. 1-2; vol. 6, nos. 11-12; vol. 9, no. 6	1985 Jun, undated
b. 9	<i>Popular Man</i>	1957 November
b. 9	<i>Private Males</i> , vol. 1, no. 1	undated
b. 9	Quaintance: clippings [fragments]	1972, undated
b. 9	Quaintance followers: clippings [fragments]	undated
b. 9	<i>QQ Magazine</i> , vol. 8, no. 5	1976 September- October
b. 9	<i>Rammer</i> , no. 1	undated
b. 9	<i>Raunch!</i>	undated
b. 9	Rocco, Pat, catalog of male films, photos, color slides	1976
b. 9	<i>Rogues' Gallery</i> , no. 1	1982

b. 10	<i>Ski Summit: The Other Side of Aspen, Part 1</i>	1978
b. 10	<i>Skin</i> , vol. 2, no. 2; vol. 3, no. 6; vol. 4, no. 1; vol. 5, no. 1	1980-1983
b. 10	<i>Skinflicks</i> , vol. 3, no. 4	1983
b. 10	<i>Sling</i> , no. 1 [S/M]	1979
b. 10	<i>Solo</i> , no. 1	1978
b. 10	<i>Spike Team</i> , vol. 1, no. 1	1979 May
b. 10	<i>Spurs</i> [Colt Studios publication], nos. 7-8, 10 [S/M], 20	1982-1992
b. 10	<i>ST Men</i> , vol. 2	undated
b. 10	<i>Strap</i> , no. 3 [S/M]	1979
b. 10	<i>Stroke</i> , vol. 1, no. 1	1981
b. 10	<i>Strokes</i> , no. 1	1979
b. 11	<i>Take Off</i>	1979
b. 11	<i>Ten Inch Tools</i> [S/M]	undated
b. 11	<i>321 Guys</i> , vol. 1, no. 1 English	1974 July- September
b. 11	<i>Tiny Tim</i> , vol. 2	undated
b. 11	<i>Together</i>	1976
	Tom of Finland	
b. 11	<i>Beach Boys</i> , no. 1 English	undated
b. 11	<i>The Best of Tom of Finland</i>	undated
b. 11	Catalog	undated
b. 11	Clippings	1979, 1983, 1985, undated
b. 11	<i>Circus</i> English	undated
b. 11	<i>The First Tom of Finland Calendar</i>	1978
b. 11	Greeting card [with note]	1990
b. 11	<i>Retrospective</i> [inscribed]	1988
b. 11	<i>Retrospective II</i>	1991
b. 11	<i>Sex in the Shed</i>	undated
b. 11	<i>Tomorrow's Man</i> , vol. 1, nos. 6-8, 10; vol. 2, nos. 1, 7, 11; vol. 3, nos. 5, 3, 5, 12; vol. 4, no. 2; vol. 6, no. 3; vol. 7, no. 9; vol. 8, no. 3; vol. 10, nos. 11-12; vol. 13, no. 4	1953-1965

b. 11	<i>Topman</i> , vol. 1, no. 45	1981 February 16
b. 11	<i>Torso</i> , vol. 1, nos. 9, 12; vol. 2, nos. 2, 8; vol. 5, no. 6; vol. 7, no. 4; vol. 8, no. 8	1983-1990
	<i>Trim</i>	
b. 12	Nos. 9, 20, 49	1958 Nov, 1960 Nov, 1966 April
b. 12	<i>Trim Studio Quarterly</i> , no. 17	1966 spring
b. 12	<i>Undergear</i>	1989 summer
b. 12	<i>Urge</i> , no. 2	1980
b. 12	<i>Vim</i> , 6 issues including vol. 11, no. 2; vol. 3, no. 4; vol. 4, no. 12; vol. 7, no. 1	1955-1965, undated
b. 12	<i>Young and Eager</i> , no. 1	undated
b. 12	<i>Young Guys!</i> , no. 17	1968 June
b. 12	<i>The Young Physique</i> , 2 issues including vol. 2, no. 3	1960 Aug, undated
	The Zeus Collection	
b. 12	<i>Cavelo</i> [S/M] English	1980
b. 12	<i>Cowboys</i> English	1981
b. 12	Miscellaneous clippings	undated

Accession 2007-M-074: Additional Material, 1976, 1996

b.1	<i>Lüger</i> [premier collectors edition of drawings by Lüger] English	undated
b.1	<i>Männspielen: A Portfolio of Drawings by Rex</i> [first publication] English	1976 March
b.1	<i>100 Male Nudes: The Best of Physique Pictorial</i> [mini-book of photographs and drawings that appeared in <i>Physique Pictorial</i> , a publication in existence from 1952-1993]	1996

Accession 2015-M-075: Additional material, Circa 1955-circa 1965

This accession comprises items of promotional ephemera for Champion Studios and other Physique Magazine photography and art producers. Most of the items are order forms for different art and photographic prints.

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Promotional ephemera

Circa 1955-circa
1965

Accession 2018-M-0007: Additional material, 1954–1974

b. 1, f. 1	<i>American Apollo</i> , 2nd issue <i>Lacks back cover.</i>	1959
b. 1, f. 2	<i>American Physique</i> , 1:2	Circa 1954-1974
b. 1, f. 3	<i>Art & Physique</i> (2 issues) <i>1960 issue lacks front cover.</i>	Summer 1957, Fall 1957, 1960, 1960
b. 1, f. 4	<i>The Big Boys</i>	July 1965
b. 1, f. 5	<i>Dandy Lions</i> , number 2	1968
b. 1, f. 6	<i>Fizeek</i> , number 1 <i>Lacks front cover.</i>	May 1959
b. 1, f. 7	<i>Grecian Guild Pictorial</i>	Winter 1955 and December 1956
b. 1, f. 8	<i>Grecian Guild Studio Quarterly</i> , number 18	Summer 1966
b. 1, f. 9	<i>Gymn, The Magazine of Male Athletes</i> , number 3	Circa 1954-1974
b. 1, f. 10	<i>Lon Connoisseur Album</i> , number 2	January 1957
b. 1, f. 11	<i>Male Classics</i>	Autumn 1958, Summer 1959, Fall 1959
b. 1, f. 12	<i>Male Figure</i>	Winter 1957
b. 1, f. 13	<i>Male Form</i> , number 9, undated issue	1956
b. 1, f. 14	<i>Male Model Parade</i> (photographs by Lon), numbers 3, 4, 6	1957, 1958, 1961
b. 1, f. 15	<i>Male Pix</i> (photographs by Lon), volumes 1, 2, 3, and 4	1957, 1958, 1959
b. 1, f. 16	<i>Male Pose</i> , numbers 7, 8, and 15	Circa 1954-1974
b. 1, f. 17	<i>Male Power</i> , 50cents	Circa 1954-1974
b. 1, f. 18	<i>Man Alive</i> , numbers 3, 5, and two unidentified issues <i>2 issues lack front covers.</i>	January 1959, June-July 1959
b. 1, f. 19	<i>Manhattan Man</i> 1:1	Circa 1954-1974
b. 1, f. 20	<i>Man-ifique</i>	March 1957
b. 1, f. 21	<i>Manorama</i> (bi-monthly Washington, D. C.) <i>Lacks front and back covers.</i>	1961
b. 1, f. 22	<i>Man's World</i>	April 1956, February 1959, February 1959
b. 2, f. 1	<i>Manual</i> , numbers 7, 69, and 82	October 1959, October 1965, February 1967

b. 2, f. 2	<i>Mars</i> , numbers 3 and 19	September 1963, May 1966, May 1966
b. 2, f. 3	<i>Men and Art</i> , numbers 1, 4, 5, 8, and 9 <i>Number 8 lacks back cover.</i>	1954, 1955, 1958, 1959
b. 2, f. 4	<i>Modern Adonis</i> , number 23	Circa 1954-1974
b. 2, f. 5	<i>Physique Artistry</i> , numbers 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 18 <i>Number 18 is incomplete.</i>	Summer 1957, Autumn 1957, Winter 1958, Spring 1958, Summer 1958, Autumn 1958, Winter 1959, Spring 1959, Winter 1960
b. 2, f. 6	<i>Physique Photos</i> , number 1 <i>Lacks back cover.</i>	Circa 1954-1974
b. 2, f. 7	<i>Physique Pictorial</i> , 4:3, 5:1, 7:2, 8:1, 8:3, 9:1, 9:3, 26, and three unidentified issues <i>8 issues have missing pages.</i>	Fall 1954, Spring 1955, Summer 1957, Spring 1958, Fall 1958, Spring 1959, January 1960, December 1974
b. 2, f. 8	<i>Physique World</i> , numbers 2 and 6	1954
b. 2, f. 9	<i>Popular Man</i>	January 1958, March 1959, March 1959
b. 2, f. 10	<i>Portfolio 1: Photographer's Choice</i>	Circa 1954-1974
b. 2, f. 11	<i>Star Models</i> , numbers 4 and 5	1956, 1957
b. 2, f. 12	<i>Tiger</i> , numbers 1 and 3	1966
b. 2, f. 13	<i>Today's Male</i> <i>Missing 3 pages.</i>	Circa 1954-1974
b. 2, f. 14	<i>Today's Man</i> , volume 2	Circa 1954-1974
b. 3, f. 1	<i>Tomorrow's Man</i> (three formats), 2 small issues, 3 medium, 6 large	August 1953, September 1953, October 1955, January 1956, July 1956, January 1958, July 1958, March 1959, April 1959, March 1960, September 1960

b. 3, f. 2	<i>Trim 54, 2 issues</i> <i>Second issue lacks front cover.</i>	February 1967, Circa 1954-1974
b. 3, f. 3	<i>Trim Studio Quarterly, number 5</i>	Circa 1954-1974
b. 3, f. 4	<i>Vim, 2:6, 2:9, 5:5</i> <i>All three issues lack front covers.</i>	August 1955, November 1955, probably May 1958

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Bodybuilding
Body image in men
Gay erotica
Homosexuality
LGBTQ resource